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On the military fronts, Communist units kept up a mortar barrage against US Marine positions in and near Con Thien on 12-13 September.

A command post of the Marines' 9th Regiment near Con Thien was hit by mortar fire on 12 September, and the main strong point at Con Thien itself came under heavy artillery fire on the 13th. The attack on Con Thien was followed up by ground probing attacks, probably by elements of the North Vietnamese 90th and 803rd regiments.

Enemy shelling also was reported in other areas of I Corps. Camp Carroll, Cam Lo, and Dong Ha all reported light mortar and artillery fire, and the airstrip at Dong Ha had to be closed briefly. The provincial capitals of Quang Tri and Tam Ky were shelled, and an attack on a Marine patrol just north of Tam Ky left four Marines and 35 Communist soldiers dead.

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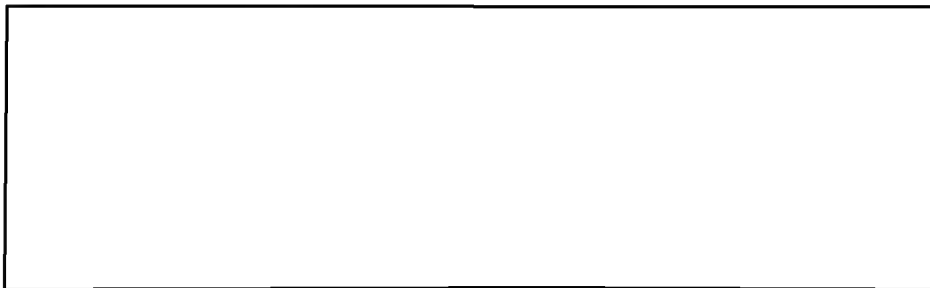
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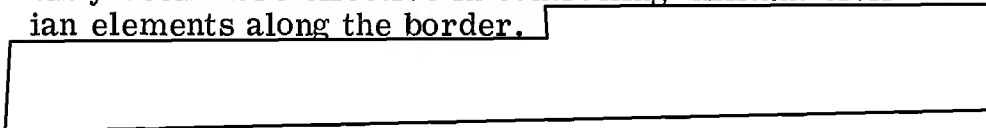
Hong Kong: There has been only sporadic terrorism in the colony recently, but the Communists clearly do not intend to abandon their long-term effort to undermine British authority.



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The Communist press has recently taken a somewhat less inflammatory line, and there was no reaction to a recent British inspection of Communist-run schools.

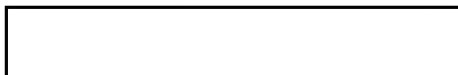
Over the past few weeks, Peking's propaganda commentary on Hong Kong has dropped off, and the frontier area has been quiet. Chinese Army units have apparently been more effective in controlling militant civilian elements along the border.



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Korea: Pressures will probably increase in Seoul for retaliation against the North following sabotage of another South Korean train yesterday.

The North Korean agents used explosives to derail a freight train at a point about 15 miles north of Seoul. There were no injuries to the train crew. This is the second such incident in eight days.

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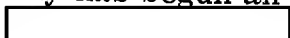
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South Arabian Federation: The power struggle between the two nationalist organizations continues, although a cease-fire in two districts of Aden, arranged by the South Arabian army, apparently is being observed. A general strike called by the National Liberation Front on 12 September was reported to be effective. The Front has announced that it would not now negotiate with its rival, but would decide soon whether to talk to the British. The first outlying section of Aden to be given back by the British was handed over to local authorities on 12 September, and the army has begun an intensive security check of the area. 

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